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Renting private land for camping prohibited

by CHAD INGRAM
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a May 20 online meeting of Algonquin Highlands council.

While some Algonquin Highlands residents have been renting out their properties for others to camp on, it's not legal.

Mayor Carol Moffatt said there have been a number of instances in the township of people renting their land to campers though websites such as Hipcamp, reiterated the practice is prohibited, and that bylaw staff had been responding to complaints.

"Just so you know, you can't rent out your land for people to camp on," she said.

Parks, trails and rec director Chris Card said that with people making multiple campsite bookings in different areas amid hopes that COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted, a phenomenon that essentially amounts to the

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Life's a beach

At 11 months, Kade Bourgoin of Minden had a lot to laugh about while playing at the small beach at the Gull River near the logger's bridge in Minden on Monday, May 24. Kade was with his family, who came to cool off after a bike ride. The past few weeks they have been frequenting the small beach or Rotary Park off of Highway 35. /DARREN LUM Staff

Police pull man's body from Kawagama Lake

by CHAD INGRAM
Editor

The OPP recovered the body of a man from Kawagama Lake in Algonquin Highlands on

the afternoon of Friday, May 21, the man having been missing since the day prior.

According to the OPP, on Thursday, May 20, a single-vessel incident on the lake left two men in the water. One made it back to shore, while one did not. The search for the missing man included resources from the

Haliburton OPP and a number of provincial units, including the OPP's aviation unit and underwater search and recovery unit.

An investigation into the incident is ongoing.

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Firearms cause concern near Livingston Lake

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scalping of campsites is emerging across the country. “I have not seen or been privy to that happening here,” Card said, but added that if it began happening, a policy may need to be created to address it.

Safety concerns near Livingston Lake

The township will send a letter to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding council’s concerns around public use of Crown land near Livingston Lake, use that includes the discharging of firearms.

The land, a provincially owned pit, is used for camping and target shooting, and activities there have caused issues for area residents for years. With more people taking refuge in the county from the COVID-19 pandemic, Councillor Jennifer Dailloux said she expected those issues to amplify this summer.

“And the No. 1 concern truly is the use of firearms in that area,” Dailloux said, explaining it appears the pit backs onto a large forested area, and adding that is not the case.

“It looks like the pit backs onto forest land, but actually the pit banks onto a small berm and on the other side of that berm is the cottage road at the end of which you find a lot of the cottages along Livingston Lake Road,” Dailloux said.

“This is not a piece of Crown land that’s in the middle of nowhere that affects nobody,” said Mayor Carol Moffatt.

Paying off municipal debt

With a May payment of approximately \$24,000, the township has paid off its municipal debt.

Councillors received the township’s 2020 audited financial statements from representatives of Pahapill and Associates.

“You continue to have a very strong cash position, relative to a smaller township,” Carl Pahapill said.

Moffatt acknowledged the auditors for carrying out their work remotely amid the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Normally, the auditing process includes auditors making physical visits to township offices.

“I know that audit work was a challenge this year because everything had to be done virtually,” she said.

AH supports upper-tier talk on short-term rentals

During a May 12 committee-of-the-whole meeting, Haliburton County councillors agreed that conversations surrounding the creation of short-term rental regulations for the county’s four lower-tier municipalities should move to the county table, with any regulations or licensing system that may be created enacted across the county in a uniform fashion.

Algonquin Highlands councillors supported the move and will forgo issuing a municipal survey on the matter for now. All four municipal councils have had conversations in recent years about regulating short-term rentals, with Minden Hills and Highlands East undertaking surveys. Algonquin Highlands had been on the brink of releasing its own survey.

“The survey was ready and it was on the agenda,” Moffatt said. “... It could create confusion if we produce our own survey ... because at county council it had been suggested that if we continued with our survey, it would at least be a thumbprint of feelings in Algonquin Highlands. But then, if the county goes forward, if the councils all support this, and there’s another survey, people say, ‘Well, I already did a survey somewhere.’ So we don’t want to have too many competing issues.”

Councillors agreed a uniform approach across the county makes sense.



Big Hawk memorial

The Halls Hawk Lakes Property Owners' Association has installed a memorial bench and plaque wall at Big Hawk Lake. The project is in memory of Helen Hickman and her grandchildren Gordon and Karen Schram, who were killed by the collapse of new bridge as they walked to get ice cream at the marina. The bench and plaque were unveiled May 23, the 45th anniversary of their deaths, and the association is planning a dedication ceremony when COVID-19 restrictions allow. /Photo submitted

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Haliburton	3	0	118	114	3	1	0
Kawartha Lakes	80	0	885	762	36	43	13
Northumberland	34	0	898	847	31	17	0
Total	117	0	1,901	1,723	70	61	13

In the May 22 data upload from the health unit, three cases of COVID-19 were still active in Haliburton County. To date, 118 local cases, 33 of those identified as variants of concern, have been confirmed since the beginning of the pandemic./Screenshot from HKPRDHU web site

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Hydro One upgrades transmission station

On May 16, Hydro One crews completed upgrades to improve power reliability, modernize the grid and advance the expansion of the Minden Transmission Station. To reduce service disruptions and the need for future outages, crews bundled work as much as possible and removed hazardous vegetation, installed new smart devices and replaced seven aging poles from the 1950s to modernize the system. These upgrades will limit the number of customers affected by an outage, better detect the location of an issue and restore power to customers quicker. In total, 45 crew members carried out the modernization and maintenance work.

In June 2020, Hydro One installed a new transformer at the Minden Transmission Station to increase the amount of available power in the region. On May 16, crews also began installing the foundation that will house the second new transformer expected to be energized in October at Minden TS to further support local economic growth.

Hydro One's upgrades that Sunday were part of the company's plan to build a stronger electricity system that residents and businesses in the Minden region can count on and we thank customers for their patience.

-Submitted by Hydro One



Left, Hydro One crews installing new smart devices to enhance power reliability.

Far left, laying the foundation for the new transformer at Minden Transmission Station. /Photos submitted

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**The Haliburton County Public Library
is looking for your feedback!**

All residents of Haliburton County are invited to complete a survey for a chance to win one of four \$25 gift cards for a local restaurant.

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(VIRTUAL) COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council, Committee of the Whole and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted virtually via web conference meetings, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted.

The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

May 27 – Regular Council Meeting
June 10 – Committee of the Whole Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at www.mindenhill.ca/council/ or by using the direct link provided in the notice. We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting our website at www.mindenhill.ca/council/.

Please note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

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Huskies welcoming billet families to its pack

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Take a unique opportunity to give back to the community by showing the best of the Highlands as a billet family for a Haliburton County Huskies player, said volunteer billet coordinator Jess Jackson.

"I think it's a great way for the community to get involved. I think there is certainly a great opportunity for families with young children to benefit by having that role model outside their immediate family unit and I think it's a really great way to connect the team with the community itself given that all the players are not going to be local players," she said. "It kind of provides that additional diversity that maybe we're not accustomed to having in our community because we've never really had this experience in the past with respect to asking community members to billet someone for this particular reason."

Jackson said a billet family needs to provide a healthy environment and is non-smoking for players between 16 and 20 years old. Prospective applicants will undergo a screening process, which includes all adults 19 and older in the household completing a vulnerable sector criminal record check. The family not only provides day-to-day living arrangements, but ensures access to laundry facilities, provides an unshared room with a dresser and closet space, a double-bed or larger per player, study area (desk preferred), meals, unlimited WiFi for online courses, but also "instill values and team rules along the way." Players, who should be treated like a member of the family, are expected to be role-models for children of the household. All transportation is handled by the player or

arranged through the team. A parking space for a vehicle is preferred, but not mandatory. Players will require accommodations starting mid-August to coincide with the team's training camp and last for eight months.

According to the team's website, billet families are eligible for a "billet package," including billet compensation money, two season tickets for regular season and playoff games. For more information and to apply email huskieshousing@hotmail.com

Born and raised in the Highlands, Jackson loves this community and said a billet family provides a doorway to learning about the area through immersion.

From the billet experience, there will be a community immersion with the family, who will enable a rich experience for the players they accommodate. This could occur through someone's work or even their hobby.

"I truly think just by being immersed in the family unit outside from what is different from their own is an opportunity for any person to learn and to expand their skill set, their knowledge base, their culture," she said.

She adds the typical seasonal harvesting of maple syrup would be just one example of a learning opportunity unique to this rural area.

It will not only leave a lasting impression on the player, but the families they come from outside the Highlands.

"From the families of the players, they will be excited to know that there is the option or the opportunity to have add such a fulsome lifestyle for their children, or something that is different than they're used to," she said.

The 2003 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduate went away for post-secondary education and the absence provided perspective about the quality of the close-knit

culture that exists here.

"I have such an appreciation for the beauty of our area and I think you get such a warm feeling ... I'm such a proud member because I like the fact I can walk down the street and be recognized and say hello to somebody," she said. "The small-town vibe. There's really something to be said for that and I think in terms of a lot of the families in [the] community [that] are born and raised, or they're multi-generational and so I think the fact it's not uncommon for youth in our community

to have those close relationships with not only their parents, but their grandparents, their aunts and uncles. Not every family has the benefit. I know I certainly did and have all my life. I've been able to learn so much from ... maybe it's not my grandparents, but it's friends' grandparents or co-workers parents. There's that connectivity between so many different generations. There's so much knowledge and history within the community."

Water levels remain low

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Editor

Water levels in lakes and rivers throughout Haliburton County remain well below seasonal norms.

An early spring freshet followed by little rainfall this spring has resulted in the conditions.

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt was in contact with reps from the Trent Severn Waterway and the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow last week, posting an update on social media.

"As everyone knows, we have critical, never-before-seen lake levels right now in the upper parts of the Gull river basin and it's more than worrisome.

I've heard from many, many property owners and I share the public's widespread con-

cerns about fisheries, aquatic mammals, nesting waterfowl, algal blooms and other environmental impacts of such low water at this time of year." Moffatt wrote. "TSW closed off most dams early in the year to capture as much of the spring snowmelt as possible, except that there wasn't much. The fact that flows on the Gull River through Minden have been so low all spring is evidence of TSW's efforts to capture as much water as possible in the reservoirs. In doing so, some lakes are now higher but they're still below average, and beyond them, some rivers are virtually bone-dry (Buttermilk Falls, Buckslides).

"Notwithstanding what appears to be inequity among lakes, overall levels have been low in the entire system in order to capture as much water behind the dams (where the lakes appear higher at the moment)."

The county typically faces the threat of severe flooding each spring.

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New owners at River Cone offer sweet place for treats

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

For Ben Scott and Monica Bolton, becoming the owners of the River Cone in Minden village is the cherry on top of fulfilling their longtime dreams and entrepreneurial goals.

The couple fell in love with the area after being introduced to it in 2014 by friends who live here. Bolton had grown up in Peterborough and Scott grew up on a farm between Port Hope and Peterborough, but they settled into an urban life.

"We found ourselves living in downtown Toronto, both working really long hours," said Bolton. "We had a craving to escape every weekend and go to the woods or go camping, a lot of camping."

Scott was working as a construction supervisor, renovating older homes into luxury homes, while Bolton was in technology solution sales for critical business applications.

"I've been working in that industry for close to 20 years," she said. "Really interesting project but very high stress and a lot of demands on your time. I was just finding that being in Toronto and then shutting off my computer at the end of the day and then walking outside and running into a whole bunch of people, was a little overwhelming."

"I had dreamed of living on a river for most of my life. I don't know why – it must be something about reading *Huckleberry Finn* when I was a kid," said Scott. "When our friends moved to Minden and we began spending time here, it seemed like such a natural fit for us. We thought about other places



Ben Scott, left, and Monica Bolton, right, seen here with daughters Sofia and Izzy, are the new owners of Minden's iconic River Cone. The iconic riverside snack stop re-opened last weekend. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

we could end up, and Minden just kept pulling us back."

In October 2018, the pair moved here with their kids. Scott, who is also a carpenter, began working for a local builder and Bolton worked remotely but travelled a lot. She had just accepted a promotion at the global company she was with when the pandemic was declared and the department she had moved into was affected by mass lay-offs.

"I found myself laid off in the summer and needing a change for a multitude of reasons," she said. "I'm an entrepreneur at heart. I love people, I love community, and I really felt like it would be nice to contribute in some community focus rather than working for a corporate company again."

"You never know what's going to happen, things are unexpected," said Scott. "We were kind of standing around, looking at ways

we could get involved in the community in a business way. This sort of came up at the perfect time, we were able to do it at that time. We were looking for the next avenue, and it popped into our laps, and here we are, we find ourselves about to open a restaurant – our own place."

Scott said it has always been his dream to own a restaurant.

"It was a really food-oriented childhood," he said, of growing up on a farm. "I was cooking a lot when I was a kid. We had a really busy family environment – even though we were pretty isolated, it was really busy with the farm. My parents were working, and I had a baby brother when I was nine. I got to choose between doing farm work and cooking meals, so on the nights when it was getting dark, I was just a little kid, so I said, I'd rather cook in the house then go out into the barn in the dark."

Scott said he got his "hands dirty in the kitchen" early on.

"My dad was always a big fan of, get out there and find work and make sure that you can feed your family," he said. "He said, get into the food business at least at some point in your life, that way you'll never go hungry, your family will never go hungry."

Scott's first jobs were in restaurants, and eventually in his 20s he moved on but didn't forget his interest in being a restaurant owner.

"I dreamed about it when I was young," he said. "It was a long circle, but it did come around full circle, eventually."

The sale of the River Cone closed in the middle of January this year, and despite it

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COVID summer: The sequel

WHILE THE OFFICIAL start to summer may be a month away, it unofficially commenced with the Victoria Day weekend.

The May long weekend is of course the traditional kickoff to cottaging season in the county, but the last year has been the furthest thing from typical. While many seasonal residents may just be getting back into the county, many have been here for weeks or months, and some have been here virtually from the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thousands of extra people in the community has been an undeniable boon for some businesses – namely those largely unaffected by provincially mandated economic shutdowns. Ask the owner of a local grocery store, gas station or department store how the last year has been, and chances are they're going to tell you it's been record-setting.

Talk to a restaurateur or the owner of a retail operation that sells less essential items, and they're likely to have a very different story. Certainly whenever the current lockdown is eased – which, best case, is mid-June – we need to do our best to direct some cash toward these businesses.

For the second consecutive summer, most of the usual hallmarks of the season in the county will be absent. Most large events and festivals were cancelled

by organizers months ago with the understanding the virus would again prohibit us from gathering in groups. We'll once again be able to visit the county's farmers' markets and the County of Haliburton is planning a stripped-down version of the Hike Haliburton Festival for September, as long as provincial regulations allow it proceed.

To say it's been a long 14-and-a-half months is an understatement. We continue to run a proverbial marathon where the finish line is unclear. We've come a long way, but still have an unknown distance to travel. We've all experienced an enormous amount of emotional stress

since last March. We're tired, we're irritable, we're ready for it to be over. Townships are experiencing high levels of bylaw complaints, meaning neighbours are getting cranky with one another. But we are getting there.

The Victoria Day weekend marked a vaccination milestone, with more than half of Canadians now having received their first dose. Many of us should have our second doses by the time fall arrives. Hopefully next summer we can once again file into the Northern Lights Pavilion for the Highlands Summer Festival, go to the fair, or dance along Water Street at Music by the Gull.

While these may now seem like memories from another time, they are also visions of things to come.



CHAD INGRAM
Editor

Kwarky



"Good, you're up: turn on the jets."

False advertising

YESTERDAY AFTER dinner, I decided to do something outdoorsy, so I drove to a local lake and decided to use my fly rod to catch some crappie. Targeting a specific species is funny business for me because it generally means that I will encounter other species I had no intention of messing with.

Not to brag, but I am a master of this. For instance, last week while hunting wild turkey, I had two bull moose browse by me at seven yards and then walk right into and through my decoy set up. I have no doubt in my mind that those moose knew that I was hunting wild turkey and therefore decided to mess with me.

This came as no surprise to me, however. I believe that most fish and game know I am an easy mark. In fact, I fully expect to have two gobblers sit in the tree above me, next time I decide to go moose hunting.

Last evening's crappie expedition was just another version of that. When I got to a perfect crappie spot, I immediately started catching perch, sunfish and rock bass – because, of course, that's what happens when I announce I'm going to catch some crappie.

I eventually did catch about 10 crappie though. But only because I gave up on the idea of ever catching a crappie again.

Instead, I decided that since I was catching perch, sunfish and rock bass, it was time to forget about those stupid crappies and target the fish that wanted to play. This immediately caused the rock bass, sunfish and perch to make themselves scarce and the crappie, who were no longer my target species, to decide it was time to bite. This works every time – unless, of course, you tell yourself it works every time, in which case it never

works. This is key, so remember that.

The point is I caught a mess of small crappie which, though fun, did not exactly make for tonight's dinner, because I threw them back.

To make a dinner of crappie, you need what anglers call slabs – which are the bigger fish.

I should mention for those who don't know that crappie is a very good fish to eat.

Right now, those same people are probably thinking they don't sound like a good fish to eat. The word crappie just sounds like someone didn't try all that hard to make the word crappie a little more elegant. And that's not exactly appealing.

I have a theory about this, however. That being, they were named crappie because they didn't hire the same guy who worked for the Rocky Mountain Oyster marketing board. That guy was a marketing genius.

On the other hand, this could have been a deliberate attempt to throw people off the scent.

Maybe some taxonomist who had a soft spot for crappie decided that the best way to protect these beautiful little panfish from the hungry masses would be to call them an unappetising name. I imagine they considered even worse names like poop bass and turdfish first. In the end, however, they settled with crappie, which is just strange enough to make people like my Jenn wonder why we would even consider eating a fish so poorly named.

There is a lesson here. If, by chance, I ever find myself in some far-off impenetrable jungle surrounded by hungry cannibals, the first thing I'm going to keep calm and introduce myself.

"Hello," I'll say. "My friends call me Turdfish."



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

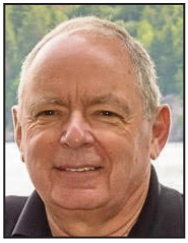
The plant we love to hate

THERE'S A shortage of everything this COVID-19 spring. Everything from lumber to foodstuffs to ATVs and nursing home rooms.

Everything is on back order; everything except - dandelions. There are billions and billions and billions of them. It's a dandelion world, with those bright yellow petals turning to white seed puffs that hitchhike a breeze and parachute into new patches to create colonies of billions more.

"Dandelion don't tell no lies," The Rolling Stones sang. "Dandelion will make you wise . . . Blow away dandelion, blow away dandelion."

Pretty impressive to have the Stones write a song about you.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Even without the musical fame the dandelion is highly impressive, despite being the most hated plant in our manicured neighbourhoods.

The dandelion is a plant world overlord, unchallenged in its ability to survive and repopulate. A dandelion plant can live for 10 to 13 years, with each flower head producing multitudes of blow-away seeds every year. A plant with three or four flower heads produces thousands of breeze-riding seeds, many of which can become new plants.

The dandelion's nutritive roots go deep into history, possibly tens of thousands of years, but certainly back to the times of ancient civilizations in Egypt, China and Rome. Its roots and leaves were important sources of medicine in early civilizations.

It is hard to believe while looking out over a field of millions of them, but dandelions are not native to North America. They were brought here by European settlers for food and medicine.

The plant is believed to have been brought to Canada by French settlers whose name for it was dent-de-lion - lion's tooth because of its saw-toothed leaves.

Dandelions are said to have more helpful vitamins than many vegetables and were used by settlers for stomach and liver problems and a variety of other ailments. They were used to make teas, root beer, coffee substitutes and salads.

Dandelion tonics remain popular with some people, but their numbers have declined since the home remedy era gave way to the pharmaceutical industry.

Interestingly, modern research has found that dandelion extracts have antiviral properties, and may reduce the ability of viruses to reproduce. There has been some research and discussion about dandelion extract being able to kill some types of cancer cells but there is no conclusive evidence yet.

Not enough human thought and energy has been spent on finding all the benefits of dandelions and trying to make use of them.

There have been some important initiatives. Ford Motor Company 20 years ago began using crushed dandelion roots (some species contain natural rubber latex) to make synthetic rubber for auto parts.

Continental Tires has been using dandelion root in bike tires and other companies are working on ways to make dandelion rubber commercially viable. Soon, the tires your auto rides on might be made from dandelions.

However, most of our time, energy and resources have been spent trying to eradicate them.

Eradication of dandelions is a loser's game. Not only has the plant a relatively long life, its growth rate is fast. The flower head can go from bud to seeds in a matter of days.

Its leaves thrive in barren habitats, pushing their way through heavy gravel and cracked concrete.

The painstaking work of cutting the roots with a blade and pulling the plants from the ground is not guaranteed effective. Just a small piece of root left in the ground can grow a new dandelion.

Chemicals are the only really effective weapon for killing dandelions, but many jurisdictions have banned them because of their danger to the environment and human health.

Some weary veterans of dandelion wars are thinking the unthinkable: waving the white flag. They are not exactly learning to love dandelions, just taking a deep breath and accepting them.

Some have joined the No Mow May movement, which encourages property owners not to cut their lawns in May. The idea of the movement, started by the United Kingdom, is to let lawns grow wild with flowering plants that help pollinating insects such as bees and butterflies.

Dandelions, which hit their peak in May, will love that, but the neighbours might have a different view.

letters to the editor

EORN pushes Gig Project

To the Editor,

This letter is a call to action for your readers, especially those in Eastern Ontario who have poor or unreliable access to broadband.

Recently, both the governments of Canada and Ontario brought down their budgets. Combined they dedicated \$7 billion for broadband expansion. We applaud both levels of government for taking this step, but there is much more to be done.

The Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) has been working for several years on a project to bring high speed, reliable and affordable broadband to eastern Ontario. EORN's proposed Gig Project, will reach not only the urban centres, but also the many rural and remote areas of our region where broadband is limited or nonexistent.

EORN is requesting \$200 million each from the federal and provincial governments. This represents 5.7 per cent of the total funds the governments of Canada and Ontario have committed to broadband expansion. Given that recent analysis shows rural eastern Ontario accounts for about 30 per cent of all under-served households in Ontario, the project offers tremendous value.

We have not received an answer to our request for funding and time is running out. Our MPs and MPPs need to know that you want broadband improvements that serve your needs not just today but into the future. The Gig Project

that delivers up to 1,000 Megabits of speed will do just that. Let us fix the problem once and for all.

Access to broadband is not a luxury but a necessity, as we have all witnessed during this pandemic.

Children are expected to learn online, but how does one's child or children do that when broadband connections are sporadic. Our health-care system has had to pivot to virtual care. While much of this care is occurring over the phone, the ability of physicians to see patients virtually means more people can receive care without having to leave their homes or take time off work. The Gig Project will make this a reality. It is a comprehensive solution critical to our region's economic recovery and future growth.

We are writing to ask you to call and email your local MP and MPP and ask them to put their support behind the EORN submission. Contact your municipal councillors and ask them to advocate for the project and join our lobbying efforts.

The federal and provincial governments are committed to broadband expansion, now is the time to let them know that residents support a regional approach where no one is left behind.

Working together is our strength.

J. Murray Jones, EORN Chair
Debbie Robinson, EOWC Chair
Diane Therrien, EOMC Chair

'Leaf' us alone

To the Editor,

While we have been at home not being able to travel and spend our money to entertain ourselves, our council has been busy figuring out how to relieve us of some of that money. Two bucks to dump a bag of leaves? Surely you jest. Just what do they plan to do with this newfound money? Will they lower taxes? Or fix our roads? Or will they just sit on it until they can find another pet project they can spend money on?

Don't count the money too soon, as I suspect the leaf dumping at the landfill will grind to a halt. With this nickel-and-dime money grab,

people will find other ways to get rid of their yard waste.

If you want an example, come to the mouth of the Gull River on a Friday evening or Saturday morning to watch a flotilla of cut grasses, leaves, cut brush and any other yard waste that floats enter Gull Lake and wash up on the north shore as compost. It's not a pretty sight.

Council should rethink this poor decision. I know I will on the next municipal election.

Jack Sward
Minden

Authors to Actors - Special Edition



Great News! Haliburton County Public Library is now home to new Movie Marathon Collections! Simply search for **Movie Marathon** on our website (haliburtonlibrary.ca) and check out what we have available. From full series like *Harry Potter* or *The Hunger Games* to themed collections such as romantic comedies, true stories, or books to movies, we're sure you'll find something you enjoy. It's the perfect entertainment for a rainy day. Just add popcorn!

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Unprecedented lumber situation part of perfect storm of factors

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Rising lumber cost in North America have seen record setting prices and there are multiple aspects to it that need to be considered say affected industry members.

There was a confluence of actions and events before and during the pandemic from sawmill closures, the employing of an economic strategy related to an expectation of weaker demand for lumber and related products during the pandemic to a strong demand for home ownership, spurred on by low interest rates to encourage lending. And then there was how the pandemic itself changed business practices and people's lives.

Malcolm Cockwell, the managing director of the Haliburton Forest's forest product division, which includes the Haliburton Forest Sawmill, Huntsville Forest Products, and the Almaguin Forest products said it's important to remember the spike in lumber prices is related to softwood and not hardwood, which is what the Forest harvests.

"Hardwood lumber has not spiked anything like softwood lumber. In other words, my colleagues and I do not have much skin in the game when it comes to softwood lumber prices," he wrote in an email.

Cockwell, who was named as the Forests of Ontario board of directors' president in April, said the lumber industry is cyclical.

"The sawmills need to 'win' sometimes. This is one of those times. In many cases, the profits generated by the sawmills will be used to pay down debt and invest in equipment upgrades. That refinancing and reinvestment is ultimately very good for the communities and the forests surrounding the sawmills, because it means those sawmills will be competitive when the tough times roll around again," he wrote.

Cockwell said the profits from the higher prices of softwood help everyone in the industry.

"While the big softwood sawmills are doing pretty well these days, not all of the extra margin is going to the

sawmills or even to the retailers. There are also brokers, warehouses, railways, and truckers involved. My point is that a lot of people are benefiting from these high prices, and those benefits are being spread around the economy," he wrote.

From his Haliburton location, Emmerson Lumber Limited owner Kim Emmerson has been in the industry for 48 years and has never seen anything like what is happening.

"Lumber is a commodity like a lot of commodities like gold, or oil or whatever. It does have swings. There's no doubt about it historically, but it has never, ever, ever swung like this," he said.

He said this situation is about how demand is far exceeding supply.

"People may see stacks of wood around, but basically I can tell you it's very hard to get, so lumber yards have been stocking up as much as they can before they run out. We're not happy about it, but it is the way it is right now," he said.

With locations in Haliburton and Carnarvon, his lumber centres have been busy, leading to exponential growth in purchases for renovations and for builds.

"I know for our area ... a lot of the seasonal residents are here because they can't work or are working from their cottage. They're doing stuff and a lot of the people are actually bored as well, right? Because maybe they're not working at all. So what are they going to do? They can't go anywhere so what they're going to do is fix whatever up," he said.

There isn't just a scarcity of lumber. This includes plastics and steel. The wait times on ordering have grown, which isn't dissimilar to how people are waiting for newly purchased vehicles and appliances, Emmerson adds.

He's seen the disappointment from customers, but also their understanding.

"We try and be as apologetic as we can be, but then they're used to that in other sectors and things are not the way they used to be, so people have been pretty good. They really don't give us a hard time. They're not happy about it, but they don't give us a hard time about it either. Most people," he said. "Some people have said I'm not going to build

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New owners focus on ice cream dips, homemade food, community space

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being the middle of winter, Scott and Bolton celebrated on-site in the cold.

“It was a little rough around the edges, but nothing we couldn’t work with,” he said.

And work they have: improving the facade of the building, insulating it, adding a convection oven, and renovating it to be able to expand beyond a seasonal business.

“We think the cone is such a cool building,” said Bolton. “There was always the option to rebuild if we wanted to, but I always thought that would be a great location to make it more of a park. Still put smiles on kids faces, serve the soft serve, but maybe convert this kitchen into something more permanent that can pivot.”

“That’s the hope, that if everything comes together the way we’re hoping it will, we’ll be able to keep the business open for longer portions of the year,” said Scott.

They’d like to be able to cater to snowmobilers with an appetite, perhaps with chili by a bonfire, and also host community events. A basketball net was delivered on the weekend.

“My vision is about the customer experience,” said Bolton. “It’s really taking that spot and making it into a spot for people to come and hang out, or a spot to put movies in the park, or music festivals, or food festivals. I know we’re in [a pandemic] right now and we need to crawl before we walk and run but that’s something I get excited about in the future as well.”

“That’s the stuff that was really intriguing for us, about the River Cone,” said Scott. “Had it been just the business, a tiny footprint of land without the parking space and

trees and all the rest, we would have still been interested in it, definitely, but it was also compelling because the business was also on a fairly decent piece of land which meant that all these other things become possible. They’re pretty nascent, they’re not things that we can pull off today, but we’re really hoping down the road we’ll be able to introduce more and more things, just because of the amount of space we have.”

Their excitement is energetic, with ideas for every part of the property but also for the menu. While they don’t want to change the character of the menu too much, they do want to keep what has worked really well, and bring more of a homemade and home cooked taste to the food.

“Instead of doing the frozen fried chicken sandwich or burger, we’re going to do a homemade buttermilk marinated chicken sandwich, just add a level to some of the things,” said Scott.

“A little more home cooked, not out of the freezer,” said Bolton.

“We’re still going to be deep frying food, but it’s going to be a little bit more homemade,” said Scott.

With rotating features they hope to explore what works, having the freedom to try ideas they want to introduce to people, or that they want to try for themselves.

“We’re going to add this other layer, just to see how it works out,” he said. “If it blows up, and it’s clearly popular, maybe it finds a home on the permanent menu. It’s a fairly small kitchen so obviously we can’t do all of those things at the same time, we have to keep the capacity in check.”

Bolton, with a love for chocolate, is giddy

as she describes a variety of dips being introduced for the soft serve cones.

“Dipping is kind of going to be something that will be new,” she said. “We’re going to be offering all the things that were previously offered, but dips are what we’re going to focus on this year. Choose your dark chocolate, light chocolate, salted caramel, pralines and cream, mocha – a variety of chocolate dips and sprinkles. The ice cream is going to be fun – my kids are excited about that.”

“It’s an ice cream cone, so we will still definitely be serving plenty of ice cream,” notes Scott.

The pair have been making connections with other food businesses and local purveyors as well.

“That’s a big part of it, too,” said Scott. “If we can feature someone else’s product, or collaborate with somebody and it benefits everyone, then we’re all in for that type of idea.”

Since announcing their new venture, Bolton and Scott have been greeted with congratulations, elation and stories of nostalgia. Several of the people doing work on the building have shared their own stories of the River Cone from their childhood, or their kid’s childhoods.

“It has a legacy,” said Scott. “It’s really neat being part of something that has such a cool story, that has so many people connected to it. We haven’t heard anything negative about what we’re doing. People understand it’s a place in the community, a place in town, it’s so centrally located and so many people go there, that it makes sense to make improvements and increase what it can do. That’s really all that we’re doing. It’s been

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— BEN SCOTT

generally positive from pretty much everyone we’ve talked to.”

Bolton said when they first came to Minden, she connected to something in the smell of the air, which brought a sense of peacefulness for her. The opening of the River Cone, planned to happen this month, brings that same feeling.

“We didn’t know what it would be like for our kids, living in Minden,” said Bolton. “We didn’t know what it would be like for us, but we love it and we love the community here and we feel now that we love it enough to invest in it. It makes it feel like a more permanent lifestyle choice to live here now, which is a nice feeling.”

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that deck or not going to do this because it's ridiculous. They're entitled to that opinion.

That's fine ... but other people are saying I don't care what it costs I want it." Canadian Home Builders' Association CEO Kevin Lee, who has worked in the

housing industry for 30 years, said the lumber industry in Canada was challenged before this situation.

"Lumber has historically been volatile and in fact prices were quite low and the Canadian lumber industry was struggling a little bit prior to the pandemic and then it's just skyrocketed and the complete opposite so it's yet another thing that is unprecedented when it comes to COVID-19," he said.

There are two concerns among his members. One, is price, but the other is supply.

"Many of our members are just having a hard time getting a hold of wood products. So that's delaying construction times, both for renovation and for new construction in terms of closings. We just did a survey of our members across the country and on average, lumber and other supply issues are delaying closings by about six weeks. It's quite an issue for everybody," he said.

Another issue with supply was the closure of a major sawmill in British Columbia prior to the pandemic in 2019 and how a low interest rate has motivated people to buy, creating more demand, exceeding supply.

"Really when you look at it it's a tale of supply and demand in two areas ... one is a lack of supply of housing, especially in our larger urban centres and lots of demand ... that's a case even before the pandemic hit. And [two], with the pandemic, there's been such an emphasis on the home that people wanted to invest more," he said.

He added people are looking to create new spaces in and outside of their homes, including work spaces.

The lumber situation isn't only affecting Canada, but all of North America.

"The United States is experiencing the exact same housing boom and it's particularly important with lumber because obviously we export a lot of lumber to the States. It's a totally integrated North American lumber market," he said. "We have huge demand for housing, therefore for lumber. Both in

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— KEVIN LEE, CANADIAN HOME BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION CEO KEVIN LEE

Canada and the United States. And you do not have enough supply. The lumber mills shutdown initially. They've been catching up. In Canada those lumber mills are basically operating back up at a 100 per cent, but in the United States that's not the case. They're still lagging behind and with that kind of demand and a lack of supply you're really seeing lumber prices escalate to record levels."

Haliburton County Builders' Association president Glenn Evans said the average increased cost for wood required for contracting jobs here has been close to 42 per cent.

"That makes a big difference in both projects big and small," he said. "The question is perhaps how do we deal with it? I don't know."

The co-founder of Cedar Winds said there is a constant challenge with pricing work for the contractor and the client related to the fluctuations of the market.

"Is it going to continue? From an individual contractor's stand point one of the biggest problems we have is we price a job today that may or not get built between now and say, September so the fluctuation in cost between now and September, could be a negative or a positive in today's environment. Over the

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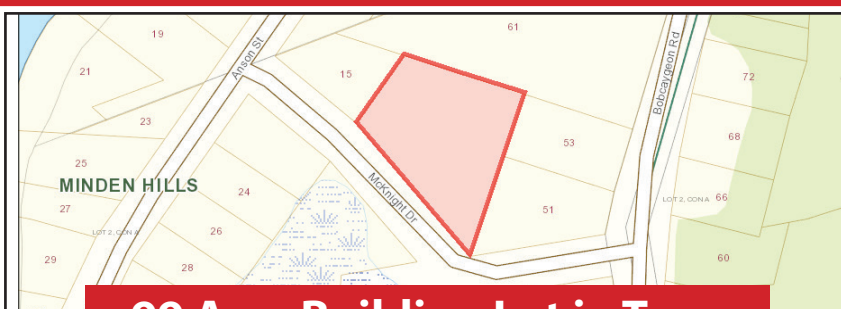
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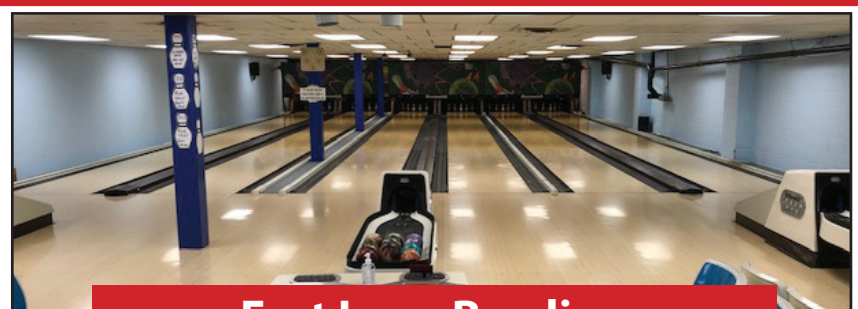
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Lumber shortage delaying home construction

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last 13 or 14 months, it's clearly been a positive as in prices have increased steadily over the last year," he said. "I don't know what the strategy is to try and contain it. The fear for the average customer/client that we have is do we assume that prices are going to increase by another 15 per cent between now and September and build that into our costs? Or do we assume they are going to stay where they are, and, if they do rise by 15 per cent, we're at risk of kind of business not proceeding as usual."

With some work a year away from even beginning, his company has communicated to clients the potential for increased costs related to higher material costs.

Although there are safeguards for contractors in work contracts to ensure compensation is permitted to cover higher material costs that are not within the control of the contractor, Evans said it's not something he or other contractors like to do, or want to do and recognize the potential challenge it poses for customers.

"That's where problems can lie. We as contractors are the messenger. We're just passing on this increased cost to our customers. We're not necessarily saying well this is an opportunity for us to make [money] ... there's no gain to the contractor is the message. Because of the increased lumber prices we're just hoping to cover our costs," he said.

In addition to the rising costs is the scarcity of materials. As the pandemic hit there was an understanding that demand for wood products would slow.

"And then exactly the opposite happened. So, the supply went down because of an expected lowering in the market and the market did not lower. It actually increased so the market went one way, the stock [of supplies] went another way and the prices went up obviously to try and curb demand," he said.

He acknowledges there were shortages of materials during the summer last year, that situation has since improved in the new year for Highlands' contractors and builders.

"Right now there is no threat of not being able to get the

lumber or the materials that you need. Now is that going to change over the next six months to a year? It's hard to tell. There are lot of different factors out there that would impact that. There's environmental concerns, as far as forestry and harvesting. There's restrictions happening in that avenue of things that could impact it. We haven't had any catastrophes in the United States. Storm season has been fairly passive. There hasn't been a huge demand for those things like that in the United States. So that means our stocks have been relatively stable. What could happen going through 2021 with some of those things, who knows? The fires in 2020 and 2019 played a role. There are so many different factors that can control or contribute to lumber shortages and those things. Though COVID is not helping, but there are a lot of other aspects that need to be considered," he said.

Cockwell said to not expect demand to lessen anytime soon, which was in part related to home improvements.

"But the demand drivers now go far beyond that. Housing and remodelling/renovation markets are expected to stay strong for years to come due to aging housing stock and favourable demographics. There is a point at which high lumber prices will suppress demand, but I do not think we are there yet," he wrote.

He expects supply issues to ease with new sawmill capacity coming online, particularly in the southern U.S. and upgrades to sawmills in northern Ontario. However, supply will be constrained by labour availability to be able to hold second and third shifts when it comes to rural and remote communities where the big softwood sawmills are located, and the permanent closures of sawmills in regions such as British Columbia, where timber supply has been significantly reduced by the Mountain Pine Beetle.

"The spike in softwood lumber prices is a profound reminder for many people as to how much we rely on reasonably-priced forest products in our daily lives, and that reasonably-priced lumber comes from well-managed forests and well-built manufacturing facilities. The same is true for so many other primary, as well as advanced forest products, including firewood, books, rayon, toilet paper, cellophane,

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Proposed Road Naming By-Law

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TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 48 of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O., 2001, c.25, as amended, the Council of the Township of Algonquin Highlands at its Regular Meeting to be held on **Thursday, June 17, 2021** will consider a by-law to provide for the naming and renaming of all public and private roads for the purpose of accommodating the additions of private road names within the Township of Algonquin Highlands as follows:

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Additional information, and a copy of the proposed by-law, is available by contacting the Clerk.

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Dated May 26, 2021.

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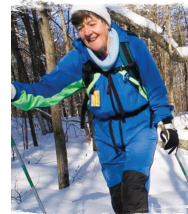
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Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Claire, Jay, Sequoia, Everett. Predeceased by brothers John, Stanley and Arnold. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Margaret worked as a Home Economics Teacher, and latterly an Accounting Clerk in a Law Firm in Toronto. She enjoyed hiking, exploring, tennis, cross country skiing and badminton. She will be remembered for her enthusiastic humour and nature and most of all for being mom.

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Education budget up 8 percent

Education costs in Haliburton County will increase by almost eight per cent this year and as a result, local education taxes will be rising by an average of 6.6 per cent.

The board approved its 1988 budget last Tuesday, increasing the spending to \$10.8 million. While this represents a 7.97 per cent increase over the 1987 budget, increased provincial support has helped reduce the impact on local taxpayers. Provincial grants will increase by almost 10 per cent this year to \$3.99 million.

The average tax increase is 6.6 per cent, although the actual increase varies among the 10 municipalities. Cardiff will be hit with the highest increase, at 11.3 per cent. Dysart taxpayers will see a 10.9 per cent hike. In Lutterworth the increase will be 8 per cent; 7.3 per cent for Snowdon; 3.9 per cent for Stanhope; 3.8 per cent for Sherborne; 4.4 per cent for Monmouth; 3.4 per cent for Glamorgan; 3.1 per cent for Minden and .003 per cent for Bicroft.

In presenting the very brief budget summary Tuesday, Business Administrator Jim Bradley said the increase is primarily due to the increasing enrolment being experienced across the board. He said enrolment has risen by 10 per cent and is expected to continue climbing. This, along with the board's commitment to smaller class sizes and additional preparation time for teachers, has created a need for additional teachers. This will cost the board an additional \$500,000 in salaries, said Bradley.

In addition, Bradley said the school buildings are aging and major work is planned for this year. Cardiff School will be getting a new roof at a cost of \$50,000. Many new windows will be installed at the high school at a cost of \$30,000. Bradley added that a number of smaller projects will add up to another \$100,000 in capital costs.

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Dan Wulliemi easily clears the bar in the Junior Boys' pole vault during the track and field meet at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Thursday. The meet was originally scheduled for Tuesday, but had to be postponed because of rain. Although the skies still threatened on

Thursday, the rain held off and the meet went ahead with nine school records being broken. Wulliemi finished second in his event clearing a height of 2.73 metres. For more pictures and a complete listing of results, see pages 10, 11 and 12.

Smoking ban resolution defeated

Problems need to be worked out

After more than two years of deliberations, the Haliburton County Board of Education is not yet ready to declare its buildings smoke-free areas.

With a 10-3 recorded vote at Tuesday's meeting, trustees defeated a motion that would have outlawed smoking in all buildings owned by the board, except those being rented out.

Although most trustees spoke in favour of eliminating smoking within the buildings, a number of problems would first need ironing out before they would be willing to pass such a motion. One of the main problems noted is the irony that would be created by denying teachers a

smoking area while allowing students to continue their practice in the school yard.

Trustee Len Salvatori objected to the proposal on these grounds. "We're telling adults you can't smoke, but it's okay for the students," he said. "Some place along the way we have to let the students

know there is no smoking."

He suggested that the school grounds should also be included in the no-smoking area and moved an amendment to the motion. However, no one would second Salvatori's amendment.

Board Chairman Lynn Craigmyle was the main proponent of the smoking

ban. He said the board has been discussing this issue for two years and unless something is done, the debate could go on for another ten years.

The problem is that non-smoking teachers have to share a building with smokers. Although all the schools have designated smoking areas, these are generally located in the

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• On the shores of Lake Kashagawigamog



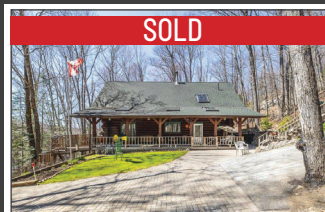
Susanne James* & Andy Mosher**
457-2128 x 133

Mink Rd.
• Approx 1 acre, nicely forested, good privacy
• Close to public access to Long/Miskwabi Lake
• Year-round Municipal Road access
• Minutes to Haliburton Village



David Lee*
286-2138 x 227

Minden Home \$199,000
• 2 bedroom home close to town.
• New Fap furnace, roof resingled 3 yrs ago.
• Easy access needs some TLC.



Donna McCallum**
455-2054

Drag Lake \$1,125,500
• Scandinavian log home
• 1610 sf, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths
• Open concept, cathedral ceilings
• Clean, clear waterfront, large lake



Brandon Nimigon**
457-2128 x 127

Downtown Haliburton \$600,000
• 1926 historic home, renovated
• 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1873+ sf.
• Secluded backyard
• Close to everything!



Karen Nimigon**
457-6505

Haliburton Home \$547,700
• Spacious 2300 Sq Ft Viceroy home
• 4 generously sized bedrooms, 3 baths
• Open concept kitchen/dining & lrg living rm
• 0.51 acre lot, gentle slope to the ravine



Kelly Kay*
705-457-8841
Kirsten Rae*
705-854-1454

Stanhope Airport Rd
• 2 bedroom, 3 bath, 1215 sf
• Perfect starter or retirement home
• Many upgrades, low maintenance
• Central location, close to lake access



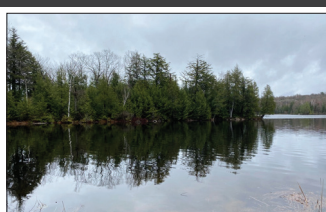
Darlene Reil**
447-2055

Wilberforce \$349,000
• 3 bedroom home, freshly painted.
• Full basement with craft room



Christine Sharp*
705-489-9968

SELLING PRICES ARE UP!
• Non-waterfront up 110%
• Waterfront up 79%*
• MAKE A SHARP MOVE and List with Chris!
• *(Jan 2020-Jan 2021)



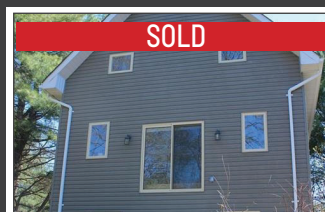
Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 128

Lt Glamor Lake \$349,000
• 189 FT frontage
• Shallow bay, ideal for canoe/kayak
• Crown Land borders north side
• Cottage needs repair



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 232

Ingoldsby Area Home \$629,000
• 3 bdrms/2 baths
• Full walk-out Basement, 5.5 acres
• 24'x38' insulated/wired garage w/workshop
• Vegetable Gardens/Chicken Coop/Trails



Lindsay Wilkinson*
286-2138 x 223

Burnt River \$399,000
• 121 ft river front, canoe/kayak route
• Multi-use Rail Trail minutes away
• 2 bdrm, 1 bath chalet needs finishing



Andrea Wilson**
705-457-6694

Percy Lake \$779,000
• Spectacular 4.5 acre building lot
• 1000+ FT of clean rock & sand shoreline
• Afternoon & evening sun, stunning views
• Several building locations to choose from



Kirby Keks*
705-457-2128
x138

Close to Minden \$629,000
• 8.82 acres 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath
• Walkout basement



Jim Allder*
705-935-1112

Little Hawk Lake Cottage \$675,000
• 2 bedroom fully furnished cottage
• Additional bunkie sleeps 2
• Great views on 194' waterfront
• Water access only.

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